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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The invention relates to a packaging container made of plastic film, in particular, a bag, pouch, or the like that can be closed at its upper end, comprising a carrying handle arranged within the contour of the container.

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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention solves the problem by a packaging container made of plastic film, in particular, a bag, pouch or the like closable at its upper end, that comprises a carrying handle arranged within the contour of the container, wherein a strap handle is provided as a carrying handle which strap handle is arranged in the area of a sidewall of the container and in its upper half and is connected in the area of its two ends to the container wall ~~having the features of claim 1.~~ With regard to important further embodiments, reference is being had to the dependent claims 2 to 12.

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**DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Fig. 1 illustrates in a broken-away illustration a sidewall area of a container in accordance with the present invention which is arranged expediently near the upper edge of the container. The container that is made of plastic film is preferably embodied as a flat bag or gusseted bag and is provided with a flat or shaped bottom. Preferably, the container has at its upper edge a closure device for reclosing the bag after removal of a portion of the filled-in goods.